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Personnel – General

ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE  
IDENTIFICATION, INTERVENTION, AND EDUCATION

Summary. Alcohol and drug abuse are incompatible with military service. Alcohol and other drug abuse prevention include all measures taken to reduce to the lowest possible level the abuse or misuse of alcohol and other drugs.

Applicability. This regulation applies to all units reporting directly to this headquarters, staff offices and departments, and Fort Knox Partners in Excellence.

Suggested Improvements. The proponent of this regulation is the Directorate of Community and Family Activities (DCFA). Users are invited to send suggested improvements on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) directly to CDR, USAARMC and Fort Knox, ATTN: ATZK-CFA-A, Fort Knox, Kentucky 40121-5000.

1. Purpose. To establish installation policies on alcohol and drug abuse identification, intervention, and education.

2. Reference. AR 600-85, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Program, 3 November 1986.

3. Policy.

a. The use of alcohol, while socially and legally acceptable under some circumstances, is not acceptable when it endangers the user, innocent bystanders, or affects combat readiness. Also, the use of illegal drugs will not be tolerated. It is important for all soldiers to receive education and intervention that reduces their risk of encountering substance abuse related problems.

b. Abuse is both a disciplinary problem and a medical/spiritual problem requiring action by the chain of command. Greater emphasis must be placed on early identification of those soldiers involved with alcohol or other drug abuse, before additional problems develop. Early identification and intervention are the key to successfully handling these types of problems; therefore, commanders will refer all soldiers suspected or identified as alcohol or drug abusers to the Ireland Army Community Hospital Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program (624-0321) for evaluation. Refer the soldier for evaluation rather than waiting for the soldier's court appearance. Referral is mandatory for the following incidents:

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\*This regulation supersedes Fort Knox Reg 600-7, 22 February 2000.

- (1) All accidents/incidents related to alcohol/drug use, including underage drinking.
- (2) All incidents of domestic or family violence that involve alcohol/drug use.
- (3) All positive urinalysis results.
- (4) All soldiers with a blood alcohol level of .05 percent or above, while on duty.

c. The Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program is a command program with emphasis on readiness and personal responsibility for behavior. It provides the necessary identification, education, and rehabilitation tools to ensure that no person, equipment, or mission fails due to the alcohol/drug abuse of any individual or group of individuals. The command role in the prevention, biochemical testing, early identification of problems, and administrative or judicial actions is essential in providing for an effective program. However, counseling and other treatment services are medical issues under the auspices of qualified clinicians. The commander's authority to manage soldiers, maintain readiness, and make administrative or disciplinary decisions which are in the best interest of the Army is not affected by issues in the medical treatment plan. The clinical staff and the unit commander will coordinate administrative and clinical issues. The commander's input into diagnostic assessments and treatment decision is essential. Confidentiality will be maintained at the unit and all levels of the program.

d. Appointments for evaluation and treatment are medical appointments, and regular and consistent attendance is necessary for rehabilitation. Commanders should strive for a 100 percent attendance rate. When there is justifiable cause, a commander, first sergeant, or the Unit Prevention Leader (UPL) who is acting for the commander, may request that an appointment be rescheduled. This action must take place before the date of the appointment.

e. Urinalysis testing has proven to be the most viable tool available toward the identification of personnel using drugs and ensuring the safety of personnel and equipment. Use of an active and aggressive biochemical (urinalysis) testing program is an important tool in identifying drug abusers and deterring others from abuse. All soldiers will be tested annually. The test rate is 20 percent of each unit per month. Any testing deviation must receive prior approval from the Chief of Staff, with coordination through the Garrison Commander, Substance Abuse Prevention Program. Additional testing is at the discretion of the commander. It is imperative that urinalysis tests be unannounced and soldiers randomly selected. The only individuals with knowledge of a pending test should be the commander, first sergeant, and UPL. Observers must be grade E-5 or above. The biochemical testing program is costly, and commanders are charged with testing for optimum results. Smart testing techniques include varying test times and days to include weekend tests, use of "double-back" testing, and accounting for shift workers. Commanders are required to report confirmed positive urinalysis results to the 280th Military Police Detachment (CID) within 48 hours of notification. The CID will notify the Office of the Provost Marshal of such positive results. Personnel entering Officer Basic and Advance Courses are required to be tested within 10 working days of arrival.

f. Within 90 days of assignment, all unit commanders and first sergeants must receive an alcohol and drug abuse block of training offered by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program (SAPP). The purpose of this training is to educate Army leadership on the knowledge and skills necessary to identify and confront alcohol and other drug abuse problems. The training may be received either through the post commander's course or individually arranged with the SAPP staff, phone 4-1532. All soldiers will receive substance abuse education twice yearly through professional development program presented or coordinated by the UPL.

4. Responsibilities. Every level of command is charged to clearly establish the policy of intolerance of Driving Under the Influence (DUI). Commanders will expeditiously:

a. Refer all soldiers charged with (DUI) to the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program, phone 4-0321, for evaluation, using DA Form 8003, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Program (ADAPCP) Enrollment.

b. Refer soldiers to SAPP for education on the effects of substance abuse. Commanders may refer to education when they observe a lack of awareness on behalf of a soldier to the consequences, both personal and career, of high risk drinking. This class is a proactive commander prevention tool. (Procedures in 3b above are necessary for soldiers who have had a DUI, underage drinking or alcohol related domestic violence incident, positive urinalysis or any illegal drug use.)

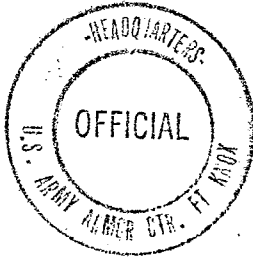
c. In accordance with regulatory guidance established in AR 600-85, paragraph 2-15b(2), commanders are required to report all offenses involving illegal possession, use, sale, or trafficking in drugs or drug paraphernalia to the Office of the Provost Marshal.

d. Company size units who do not experience a DUI for a 90-day period will receive a training holiday and a streamer. Qualification within 1<sup>st</sup> Armor Training Brigade will be statistically calculated at the collective battalion level, but streamers will be posted to the company/troop guidon. The streamer will be authorized as long as the unit is DUI free. The Substance Abuse Prevention Program will provide some resources and coordinate the DUI Free Recognition Program, which consists of providing streamers for unit guidons, year pins for the streamers, and an annual recognition ceremony. The unit must send a written request to SAPP to obtain a streamer. The unit will be provided a streamer following coordination with the Provost Marshal's Office. The DUI free streamer is based on the honor system. In the event a unit receives a DUI, the streamer and/or year pin is to be removed from the guidon and returned to SAPP (ATZK-CFA-A).


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5. Conclusion. Alcohol and drug abuse will not be tolerated or condoned. Through caring, competent, and committed leadership, we will continue to enforce tough standards of conduct and discipline while striving to retain those soldiers of value to the Army.

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